



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

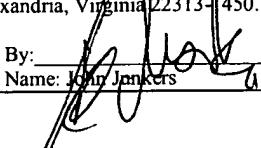
Applicant: ALFERNESS ET AL. Examiner: S. GILBERT
 Serial No.: 10/810,096 Group Art Unit: 3736
 Filed: MARCH 26, 2004 Docket No.: 11998.5USC9
 Title: CARDIAC SUPPORT DEVICE WITH ANTI-FIBROSIS COATING

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10:

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV 639592835 US

Date of Deposit: February 24, 2006

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

By: 
 Name: John Jencs

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Mail Stop RCE
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Our check in the amount of \$395.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
 P.O. Box 2903
 Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903
 612/332-5300


 Timothy R. Conrad
 Reg. No. 30,164
 TRC:lmb

Date: 2/28/06



02/28/2006 CCHAU1 00000035 10810096
 395.00 0P
 01 FC:2601